

# **Partnering for Sustainable, Livable Communities in NC**

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# Overview

- NC Involvement
  - Sustainable Communities Summit
  - Formation of NC Agency Collaboration
- NC Green Urban Revitalization Partnership
- Agency Initiatives
- Summary/Next Steps



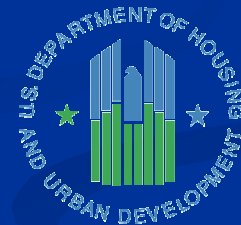
# Sustainable Communities Summit

- Attended by 70 federal and state leaders
- Federal leaders – reviewed goals for the Partnership and outlined initial plans to operationalize its structure
- State leaders - identified barriers to implementation and provided suggestions on ways to best support States



# Summit – Federal Themes

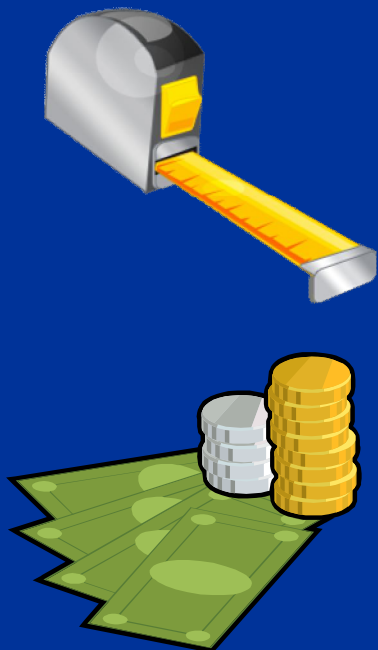
- Reflection of the times
- States are key partners
- Collaborative planning and place-based investment = increased efficiency and effectiveness
- Accountability
- Partnership in action



# Summit – State Themes



- Define “sustainability”
- Performance measures, accountability and rewards
- Greater funding flexibility in return for accepting performance requirements
- Cross-agency and intergovernmental planning at the state, regional and local levels is key and critical
- Education, training, and technical assistance
- Feds need to lead by example



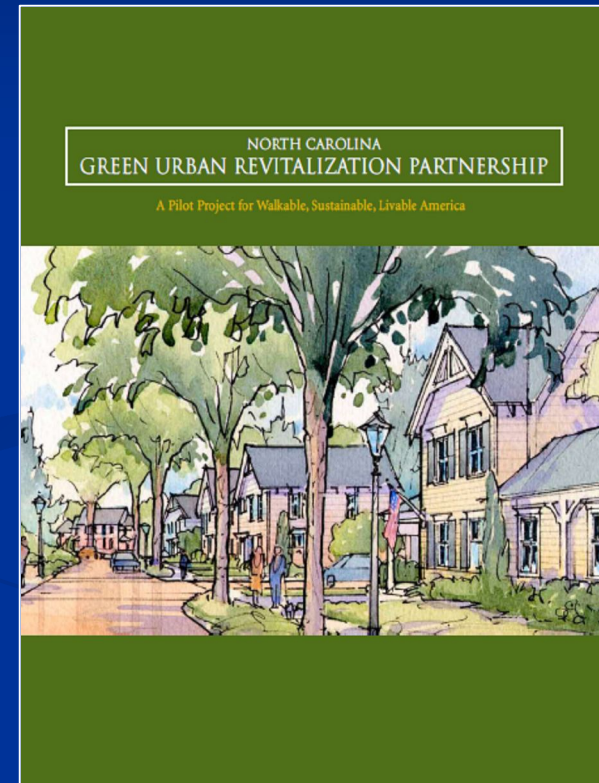
# Summit Takeaways

- Sustainable Communities Partnership is real and future actions will impact NC
- NC behind the curve in some areas
  - No statewide focus on Sustainable Communities
  - Need for greater Interagency collaborations
  - Growth/Land-Use/Transportation policies
- Summit has prompted enhanced dialogue between NCDOT, Commerce, and DENR
  - Agencies meet regularly to discuss / track status and opportunities
  - Working with Governor's Office to position NC as a national leader



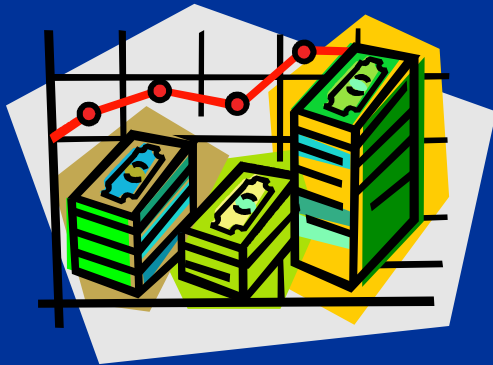
# NC Green Urban Revitalization Partnership

- Partnership Background
- Evolving Collaboration - Federal, State, and municipalities & NGOs
- Developing pilot proposal for Partnership consideration
- Focus:
  - Apply livability principles to help revitalize distressed urban neighborhoods





# Sustainable Communities Partnership Livability Principles

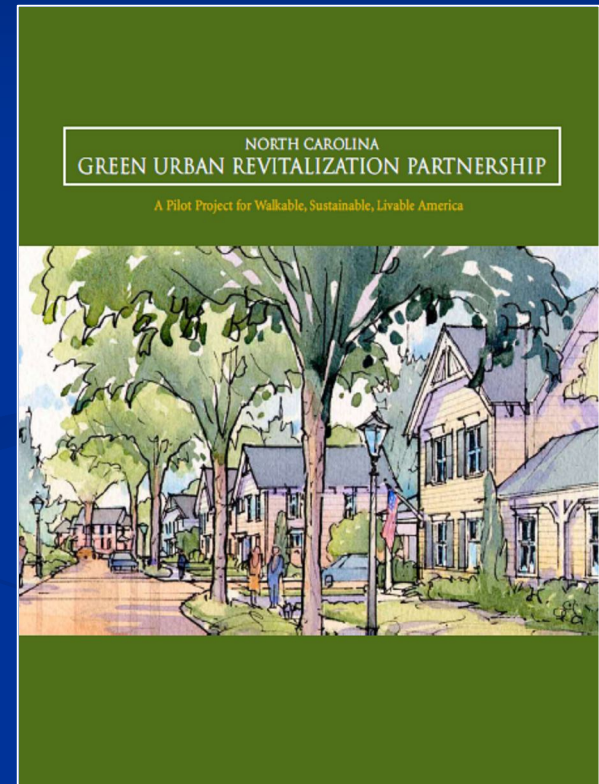


- Provide more transportation choices
- Promote equitable, affordable housing
- Enhance economic competitiveness
- Support existing communities
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment
- Value communities and neighborhoods



# NC Green Urban Revitalization Partnership

- Raleigh – College Park Example
- Goal: Connect affordable, green housing with better transportation options
- Collaboration Process Outcomes: leverages existing resources, eliminates duplicative efforts, aligns timing of investments, and maximizes return on investments
- Model could easily be applied to other projects in other areas of NC (regions, rural, etc.)



# Joint NC Agency Initiatives



## Interagency Leadership Team

- 11 federal and state agencies focused on collaborative, integrated transportation planning and project development



## Intergovernmental Advisory Group

- Fostering state, regional and local partnerships for more effective, integrated outcomes (land-use/transportation, funding, and communications with elected officials)



## Governor's Institute on Community Design

- Potential work with Governor's Office
- Will assist NC in developing sustainable communities framework and policies

# NC Agency Initiatives



## NC Department of Transportation

- Complete Streets Policy
- Sustainability Blueprint



## NC Department of Commerce

- Main Street Solutions
- Appalachian Regional Council



## NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources

- Climate Change Initiative
- NC One Naturally Conservation Planning Tool

# Summary/Next Steps

- Sustainable Communities Partnership effort:
  - Is real and very important to NC
  - Will impact future Federal funding/programs
  - Will require greater levels of interagency collaboration and interdisciplinary planning/service delivery to be successful
  - Will shape and influence NC's future growth and development patterns
- NC activities are underway to respond
  - Existing Initiatives and Collaborations
  - Governor's support and interest



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